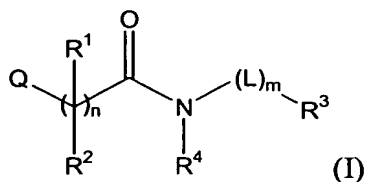


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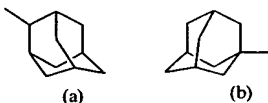
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the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein *n* represents an integer being 1 or 2;  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  each independently represents hydrogen  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $NR^9R^{10}$ ,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy; or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  taken together with the carbon atom with which they are attached form a  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl; and where *n* is 2, either  $R^1$  or  $R^2$  may be absent to form an unsaturated bond;  $R^3$  represents a  $C_{6-12}$ cycloalkyl, preferably selected from cylo-octanyl and cyclohexyl or  $R^3$  represents a monovalent radical having one of the following formulae

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wherein said  $C_{6-12}$ cycloalkyl or monovalent radical may optionally be substituted with one, or where possible two, three or more substituents selected from the group consisting of  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy, halo or hydroxy; *Q* represents  $Het^1$  or  $Ar^2$  wherein said  $C_{3-8}$ cycloalkyl,  $Het^1$  or  $Ar^2$  are optionally substituted with one or where possible two or more substituents selected from halo,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy, hydroxy, nitro,  $NR^5R^6$ ,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxy substituted with one or where possible two, three or more substituents each independently selected from hydroxycarbonyl,  $Het^2$  and  $NR^7R^8$ , and  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl substituted with one or where possible two or three halo substituents, preferably trifluoromethyl;  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  each independently represent hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl, or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl substituted with phenyl;  $R^7$  and  $R^8$  each independently represent hydrogen or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;  $R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  each independently represent hydrogen,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-4}$ alkyloxycarbonyl; *L* represents  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl;  $Het^1$  represents a heterocycle selected from pyridinyl, thiophenyl, or 1,3-benzodioxolyl;  $Het^2$  represents piperidinyl, pyrrolidinyl or morpholinyl;  $Ar^2$  represents phenyl, naphthyl or indenyl.